

**CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN
UPDATE 2013
TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT BRIEFING
JANUARY 6, 2011**

WORKBOOK





California **Water Plan**

Update 2013

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT TELECONFERENCE

BRIEFING

January 6, 2011, 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Teleconference # 866-212-0875, Passcode 336810#

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Briefing Goals:

1. Review Tribal Engagement Plan and discuss tribal participation opportunities for Update 2013, including Tribal Advisory Committee.
2. Discussion of priorities being considered for Update 2013.
3. Overview and discussion of tribal participation in Regional Forums and Topic-Based Caucuses.

AGENDA

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTERS
1:00 PM	Welcome and Introductions Agenda Review and Meeting Guidelines	Paul Massera , Manager, Strategic Water Planning, DWR Stephanie Lucero , Tribal Facilitator, Update 2013
1:10PM	Tribal Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Tribes on Update 2013 	Paul Massera
1:30 PM	Tribal Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview Status and Next Steps 	Paul Massera
2:10 PM	Where Are We Going? – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Update 2013 <i>Questions of Clarification and Discussion</i>	Paul Massera
3:00 PM	Topic- Caucus And Regional Forum Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webinar /Teleconference Format Overview and Discussion 	Paul Massera
4:25 PM	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process for submitting comments 	Paul Massera
4:30 PM	ADJOURN	

TELECONFERENCE GROUND RULES

There will be many opportunities for meeting participants to engage group discussion. Participants are asked to subscribe to several key agreements to allow for productive outcomes.



USE TELECONFERENCE CONVERSATIONAL COURTESY

Keep comments brief, don't interrupt; use appropriate language, no third party discussions, etc.

Before commenting, state your name.

ALL IDEAS AND POINTS OF VIEW HAVE VALUE

During our initial meetings you may hear something you do not agree with or you think is "silly" or "wrong." Please remember that the purpose of the forum is to share ideas. All ideas have value in this setting. The goal is to achieve understanding. Simply listen, you do not have to agree, defend or advocate.

HUMOR IS WELCOME

BUT humor should never be at someone else's expense.

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HONOR TIME

We have an ambitious agenda, in order to meet our goals it will be important to follow the time guidelines given by the facilitator.

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BE CAUTIOUS OF THE HOLD BUTTON

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AVOID EDITORIALS

It will be tempting to analyze the motives of others or offer editorial comments. Please talk about YOUR ideas and thoughts.

UPDATE 2009 FEATURES

- Provides water community with a framework and investment guide
- Integrates 2009 Comprehensive Water Legislation and State government companion plans, initiatives and strategies
- Future scenarios incorporate consideration of uncertainty, risk and resource sustainability into water and flood planning
- Advances strategies for Integrated Flood Management and Climate Change adaptation & mitigation
- Describes 27 resource management strategies to diversify regional water portfolios & increase regional self-sufficiency
- Outlines new IWM analytical methods and tools
- Updates 12 regional reports



UPDATE 2009 PROCESS



RECAP: UPDATE 2009

Organization of Document:

- **Water Plan Highlights**
 - CD - Entire Water Plan
 - CD - Tribal Water Summit Proceedings
- **Volume 1: Strategic Plan**
 - California Resources
 - Managing Our Resources
 - Companion State Plans
 - Integrated Data and Analysis
 - Statewide Objectives and Actions
- **Volume 2: 27 Resource Management Strategies**
6 categories:
 - Reduce Water Demand
 - Improve Operational Efficiency and Transfers
 - Increase Water Supply
 - Improve Water Quality
 - Protect Resource Stewardship
 - Improve Flood Management
- **Volume 3: 12 Regional Reports**
- **Volume 4: On-line Reference Guide**
(Including Tribal History Section.)
- **Volume 5: Online Technical Guide**

New Themes in Update 2009

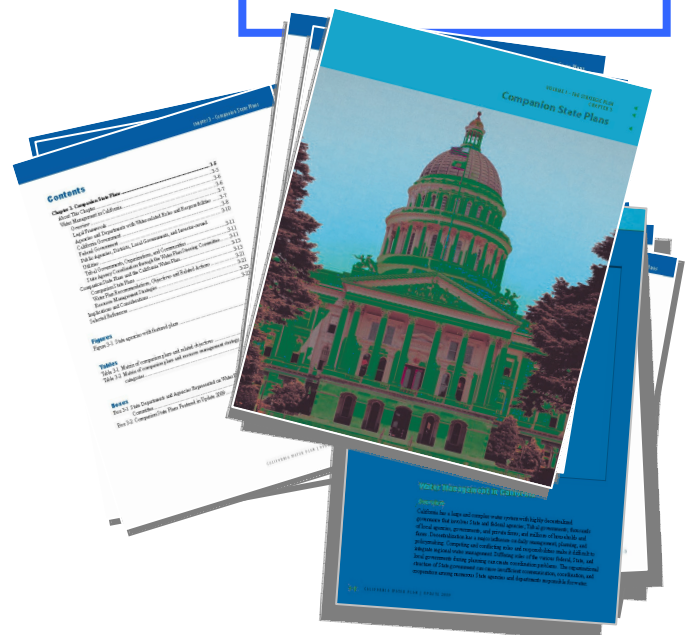
- Water Quality
- Flood Management
- Integrated Water Management
- Climate Change

New Content in Update 2009

- State Companion Plans
- 2 New Resource Management Strategies
- Demand Estimates for Three Future Scenarios

Collaboration That Was New to Update 2009

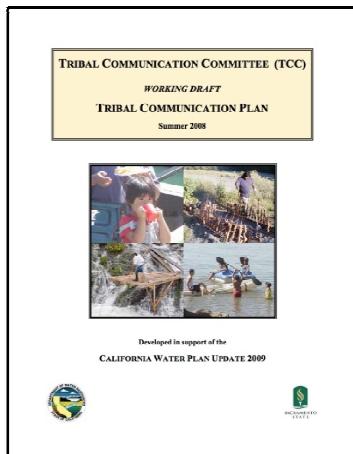
- State Agency Steering Committee
- Tribal Communication Committee
- Tribal Water Summit
- Regional Workshops



UPDATE 2013 TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The *California Water Plan Update 2013* aims to deepen and expand the relationships between State agencies and California Native American Tribes built during *Update 2009*. Using *Update 2009* as a foundation and incorporating participant feedback, including the Draft [Tribal Communication Plan](#) and the 2009 Tribal Water Summit.

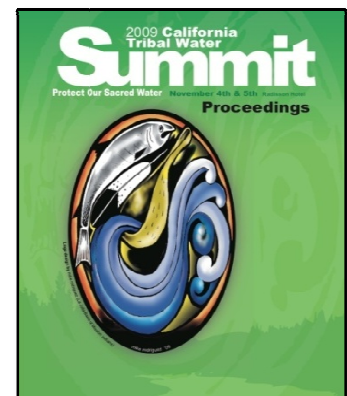
The Draft Tribal Communication Plan, released in 2008, was first for State government.



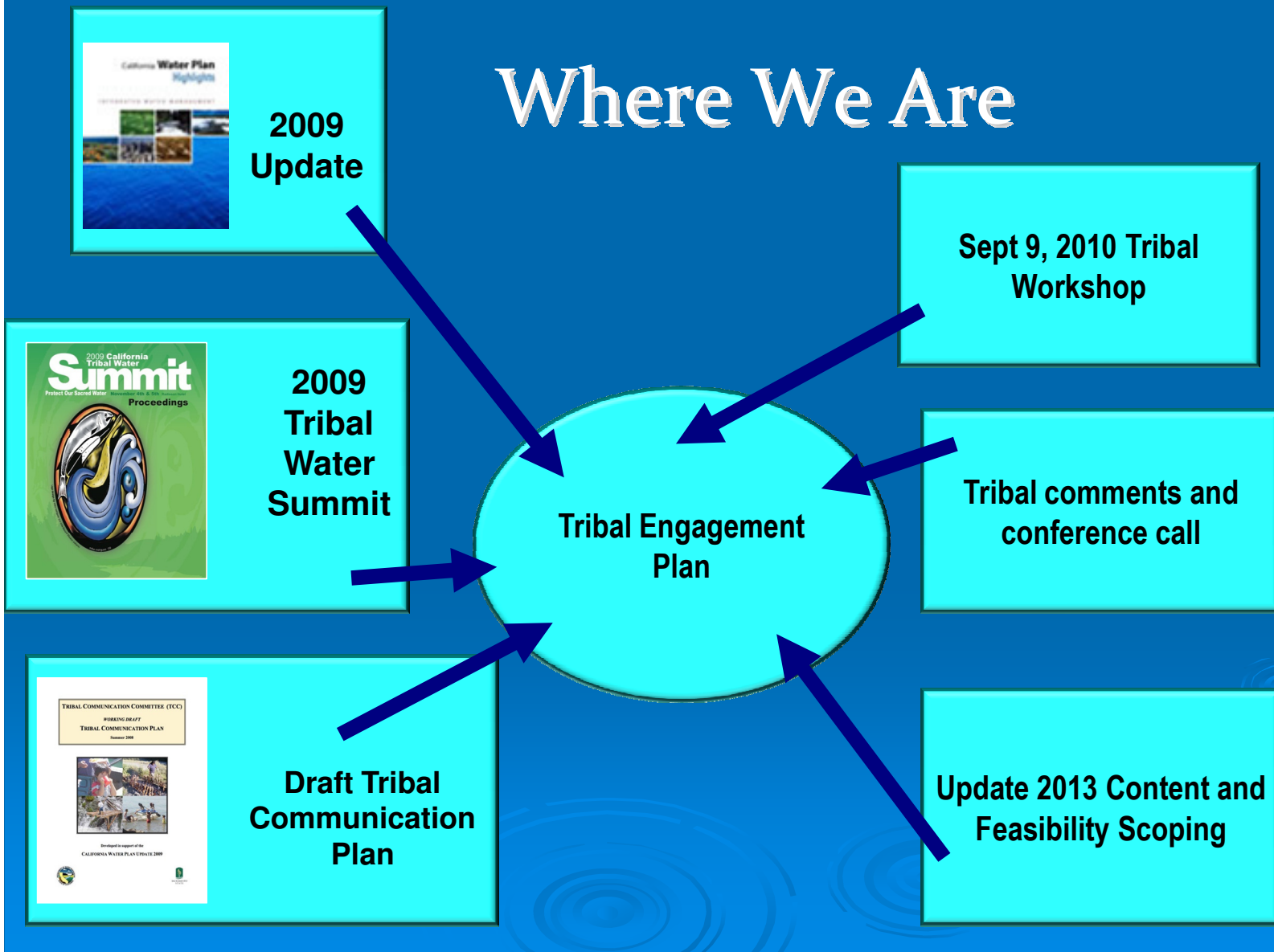
- As part of *Update 2013*, the Tribal AC will update the Draft Tribal Communications Plan.
- Work will focus on improving the accessibility of Water Plan information and meeting venues to Tribes, revisiting the associated communication strategies and tools, and expanding the Tribal communication network.

As part of *Update 2009*, the Tribal Communications Committee coordinated and convened a state-wide California Tribal Water Summit.

- In *Update 2013* the Tribal AC will work with state (including DWR) and federal agencies to implement the recommended actions identified in *Update 2009*
- The Tribal AC may coordinate another State-Wide Tribal Water Summit for *Update 2013*.



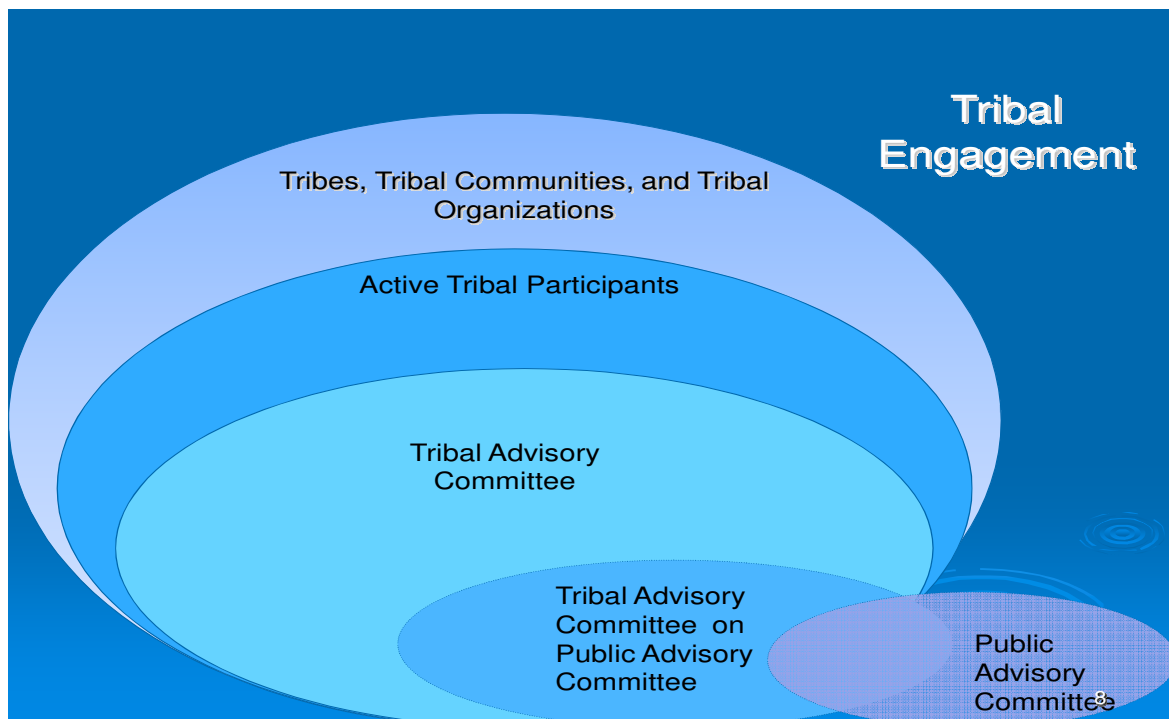
Where We Are



OBJECTIVES

Using California Water Plan Update 2009 as a foundation, Update 2013 seeks to:

- ❖ To begin addressing the complex Tribal water issues identified during *Update 2009, Update 2009*, including at the 2009 Tribal Water Summit and in Objective 12 of the Strategic Plan
- ❖ To integrate Tribal information and Tribal perspectives in the *Water Plan*, including but not limited to the Strategic Plan, Resource Management Strategies, and Regional Reports
- ❖ To improve the overall quality and comprehensiveness of the *Water Plan*, making it a more relevant and useful document
- ❖ To educate large numbers of water professionals about Tribal water issues and water management strategies
- ❖ To increase Tribal inclusion and engagement in water planning throughout California



UPDATE 2013 COLLABORATION

In order meet the objectives of Update 2013 Tribal Engagement Plan, this water plan will offer multiple venues for tribal participation.

❖ General Information on the Water Plan and DWR:



➤ California Department of Water Resources Enews, email newsletter

▪ <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/enews/index.cfm>

➤ California Water Plan Tribal Communications Listserv

▪ http://listhost2.water.ca.gov/mailman/listinfo/ca_water_plan_tribal_communication

❖ Regional or Topic based engagement:

- Regional Forums
- Topic-Based Caucuses (Tribal AC may also be convened as a Tribal Caucus)
- Attend annual Water Plan Plenary & Topic Workshops -- like Resource Management Strategies
- Attend Tribal Advisory Committees (as a public participant)



❖ Tribal Advisory Committee:

- Identify a member to the Tribal Advisory Committee.
- Greatest level of influence on Water Plan

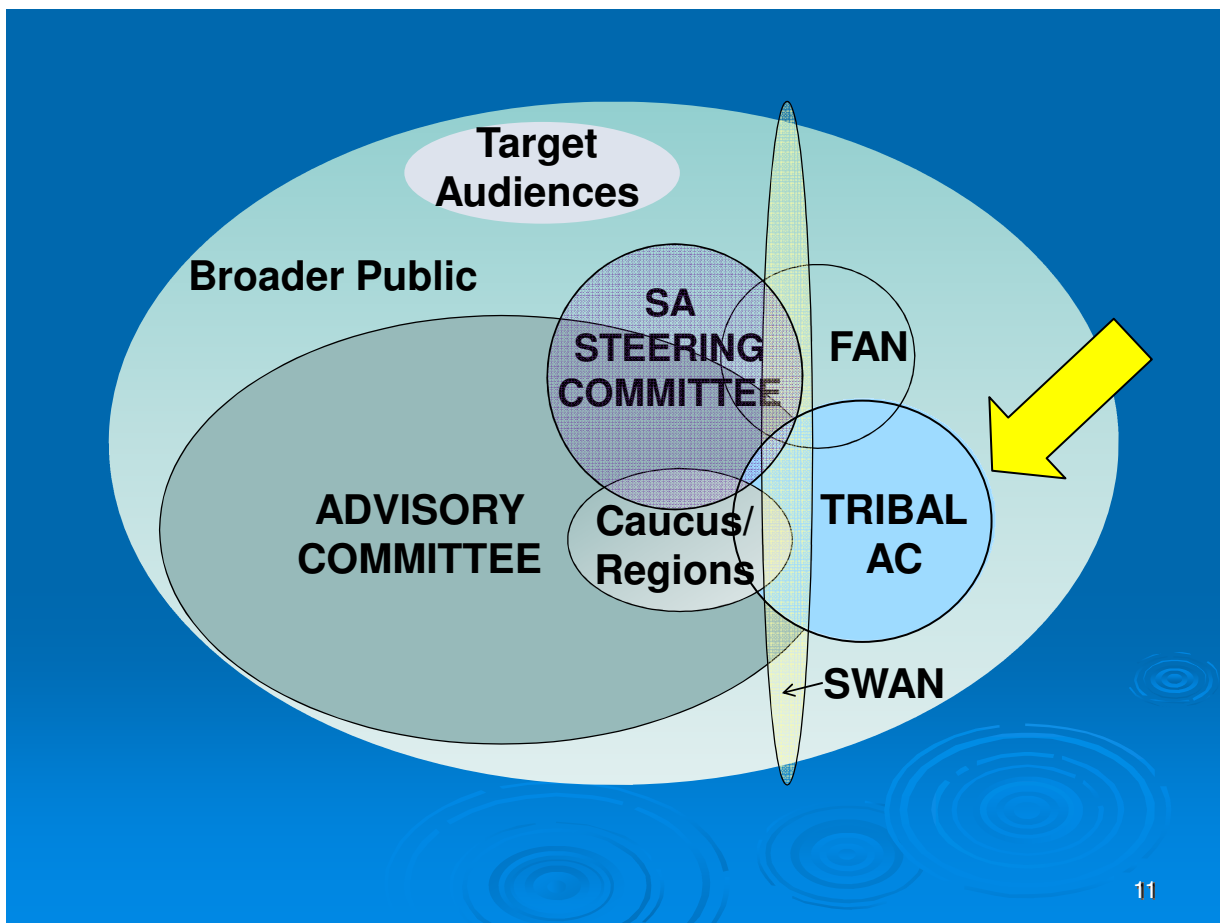


TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Tribal Advisory Committee is a forum where California Native American Tribes, tribal communities and organizations can review, comment on, and help to develop the material in the California Water Plan Update 2013.

The Tribal Advisory Committee will:

- Advise DWR and State Agency Steering Committee in implementing 2009 Update and 2009 Tribal Water Summit recommendations.
- Coordinate incorporation of tribal water planning concerns and management strategies in the Water Plan's Strategic Plan, Resource Management Strategies, and Regional Reports.
- Continue to refine and address priorities identified during the Tribal Water Summit.
- Coordinate tribal involvement in Public AC, other venues, and Water Plan in general.
- Provide a venue for focused discussion on tribal views, perspectives and concerns.

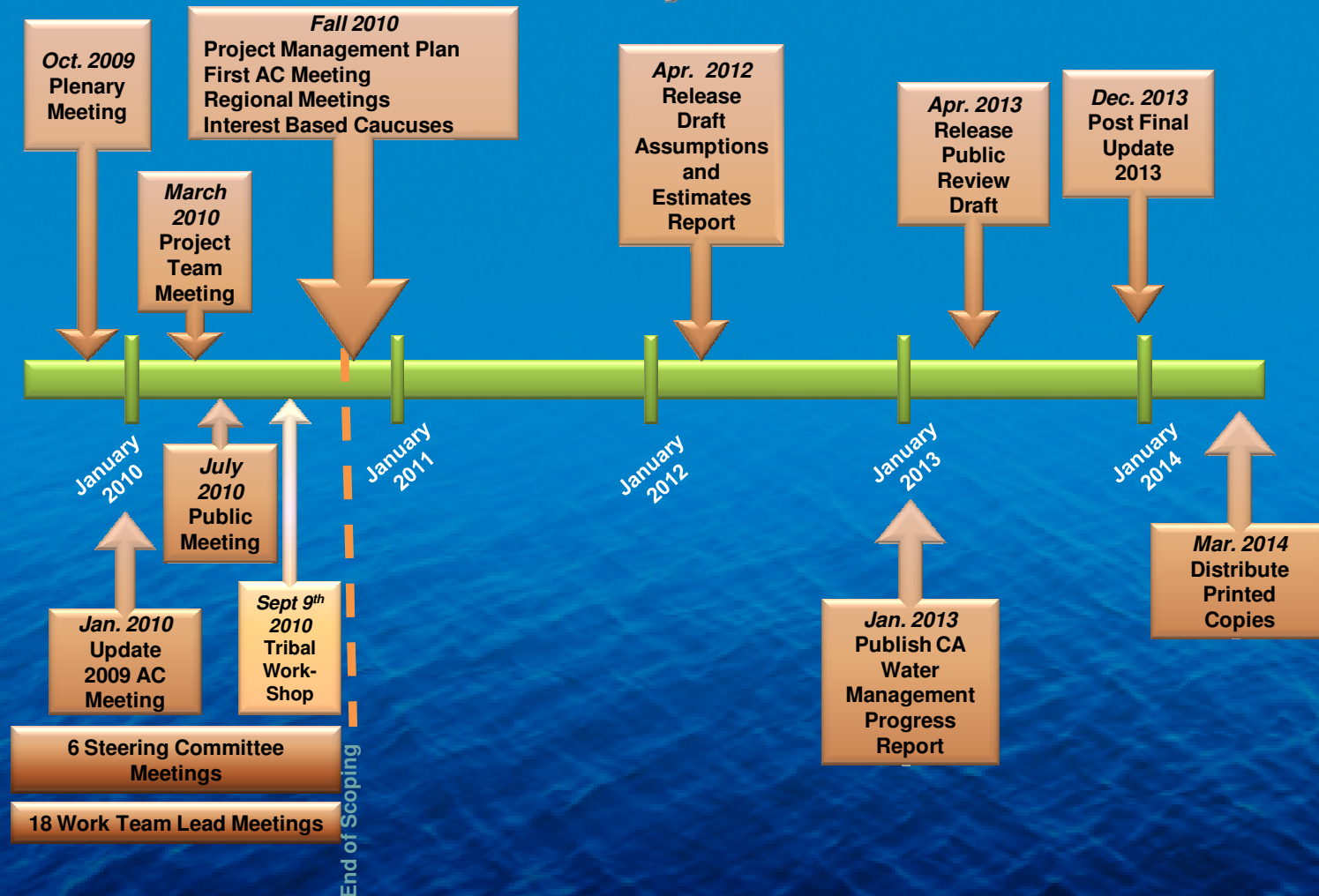


STRUCTURE OF TRIBAL AC

- Consisting of members identified by California Native American Tribes & Tribal Organizations
- One member and one alternative from each Tribe or Organization
- Members are ONLY information liaisons.
- Meetings open to the public and non-Tribal AC member participants.
- Tribal AC will designate 2-3 delegates for Public AC

Water Plan Update 2013

Timeline and Major Deliverables



CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN (CWP) 2013 FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENTS ELEMENTS CARRIED OVER FROM UPDATE 2009

Content Components

- Strategic Plan
- Water Balances and Portfolios
- Regional Reports
- State Companion Plans
- Future Scenarios
- Reference Guide
- Resource Management Strategies
- Technical Guide

ENHANCEMENTS – New components or Concepts for 2013 COMPLETING THE WORK – Project Management Tools

[] References tribal input from Update 2009 and Update 2013 scoping that supported inclusion of this expansion or enhancement. [TWS R.A. #] - refers to Tribal Water Summit Recommended Action Item, [Scoping]-refers to scoping comments. References are not exhaustive.

Foundational Component	Purpose	Planned Expansion
Strategic Plan	Provide defensible and actionable decision support through consensus-seeking based on best available information	Forge a common strategic vision for inter-regional resource management issues. [TWS R.A. # 1, 7, 15] Expand engagement at the regional and local levels to properly characterize regional visions, preferred actions and implementation strategies [TWS R.A. # 16]
Regional Reports	1. Make regional reports more central to the Water Plan; 2. Support both regional and statewide resource management values and objectives	Increase resource management strategy specificity and regional emphasis [TWS R.A # 1, 2, 3, 9, 16 & Scoping]

Foundational Component	Purpose	Planned Expansion
Future Scenarios	Accurately reflect emerging conditions, assumptions and programs	New themes, additional data and updated assumptions, more focus on Planning Areas [TWS R.A. #5-7]
Resource Management Strategies (RMS)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make reported benefits additive across RMSs 2. Couple scenarios with response packages to assess trade-offs 3. Report trade-offs in terms of performance measures 	Work through SWAN to implement Shared Vision Planning and analytical tool improvements to capture interrelationships of various RMSs and demand/supply relationships [TWS R.A. #5-7, 19, 21, 25-28]
Water Balances and Portfolios	Data Timeliness and Continuity	Complete balances through water year 2010; maintain 3-year (maximum) lag time
Companion State Plans	Increase consistency and efficiency among many State agencies and initiatives	Expand Companion State Planning feature. Potentially include additional federal, local and tribal plans as appropriate [TWS R.A. # 10, 17 & Scoping]
Reference and Technical Guides	Increase transparency through data sharing and source referencing	Update and release Reference and Technical Guides with “drill down” features; potentially involving Water Planning Information Exchange [TWS R.A. #5 -7, 10-11, 16, 19, 21, 24, 26]
Assumptions and Estimates Report	Increase accountability by publically previewing data and assumptions	Update and release Assumptions and Estimates Report one year prior to Public Review Draft

PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Tribal Advisory Committee will receive an overview of all the planned CWP 2013 Enhancements. Throughout the planning cycle, the Water Plan Team will ask the Tribal Advisory Committee and the Water Plan Public Advisory Committee (PAC) to provide input on the policy and materials developed as well as to help frame the critical policy and technical discussions necessary in considering the enhancements. Reviewing the plan enhancements today, please make note of any particular priorities you have or important policy questions you think will need to be addressed in preparation for the Tribal Advisory Committee meeting in February 25, 2011.

Update 2013 Enhancement	Implementation Examples:	Priority #
A. Expand integration of Water Quality throughout the Water Plan [TWS R.A. #5-7, 27 & Scoping]	1. Quantitative/qualitative analysis of water quality trade-offs for RMSs 2. Report on current and future groundwater quality 3. Recommend measures that improve water quality 4. Develop proposal to expand groundwater quality data collection	
B. Continue to integrate flood planning and water management into the Water Plan [TWS R.A. #2, 6, 22 & Scoping]	1. Complete statewide integrated flood management study 2. Identify common policies or investment guidelines 3. Continue integration of flood and water supply modeling tools 4. Quantify flood-water supply management strategy connections	

Update 2013 Enhancement	Implementation Examples:	Priority #
C. Expand groundwater analysis in Water Plan [TWS R.A. #4-7, 19 & Scoping]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify data gaps for the State's groundwater basins 2. Quantify and report on change in storage 3. Integrate groundwater information among various State activities 4. Conduct Pilot Study to demonstrate benefits to groundwater managers 5. Identify & inventory opportunities for conjunctive management. 	
D. Incorporate near-coastal ecosystems and issues; add relevant State agencies to Steering Committee [Scoping]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand Water Plan geographical boundaries to include near-coastal interface with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - desalination brine disposal - once-through power plant cooling systems - influence of freshwater runoff in near-coastal ocean environments - interface of ocean and freshwater habitats (i.e. anadromous fisheries) 2. Develop new analytical tool capabilities 3. Add relevant State agencies to steering committee 	

Update 2013 Enhancement	Implementation Examples:	Priority #
E. Expand linkages between -land use and water management [TWS R.A. #1,7, 20, 26 & Scoping]	1.Quantify relationship between land use and RMS benefits 2.Identify investment and policy opportunities that mutually benefit cities, counties, municipalities, etc <u>and</u> statewide resource management objectives as articulated in Update 2013	
F. Roll up Urban Water Management Plans into regional reports/plans	1. Continue pilot study to determine potential for synchronizing Water Plan, water balances with data from UWMP.	
G. Create an Economic and Financial Planning work team [TWS R.A. # 18 & Scoping]	1.Develop and report on consumer pricing signals 2.Create and recommend long term funding options 3.Develop implementation strategy for “beneficiary pays” 4.Prepare a plan for achieving long-term economic sustainability 5.Prepare a plan for short-term economic recovery and sustainability 6.Formulate Least-Cost Planning response package(s)	

Update 2013 Enhancement	Implementation Examples:	Priority #
H. Clarify and refine State leadership [TWS R.A. #5-7, 10, 14, 15, 16-17, 23 & Scoping]	1.Integrate state policies (including sustainability) 2.Support implementation of regional initiatives 3.Advance data integration, sharing and support 4.Administer incentives (Funding, Regulations, etc) 5.Improve interregional water management	
I. Increase federal involvement in Water Plan process; add federal companion plans [TWS R.A. #5-7,10, 26, 28- 29]	1.Include federal agencies that have funding, regulatory, operations or water/flood management planning nexus (i.e. USBR, USFWS, NMFS, USACE , etc)	
J. Continue to work with Tribes & refine Tribal involvement [TWS R.A. All]	See Tribal Engagement Plan & Draft Tribal Communication Plan, and Regional Forums. For Tribal Advisory Committee, specifically [TWS R.A. All]	

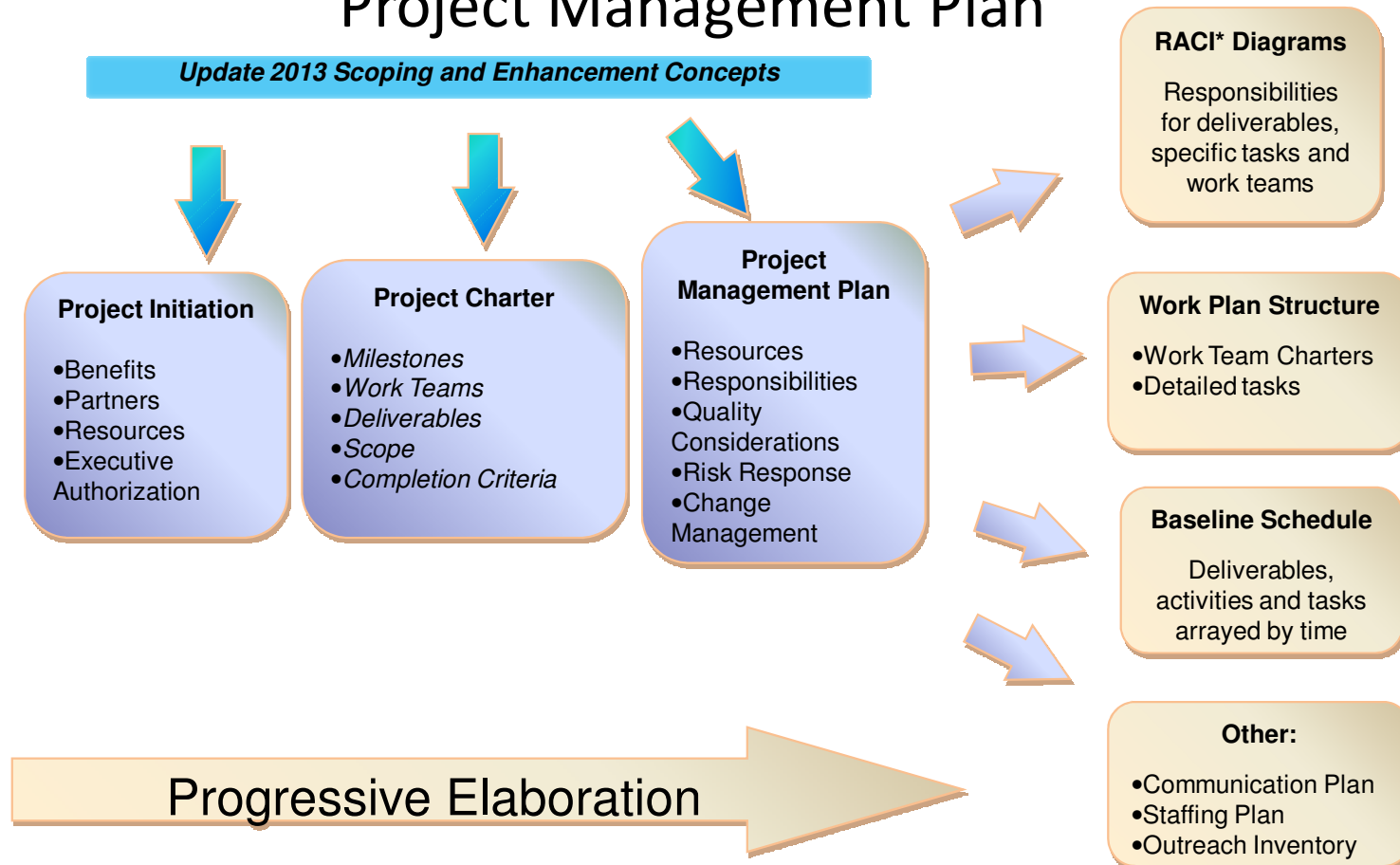
Update 2013 Enhancement	Implementation Examples:	Priority #
K. Improve data management and sharing [TWS R.A. # 2,3, 5-7, 9-10, 22 & Scoping]	1.Design and implement Water Planning Information Exchange 2. Implement an interactive high-level "gaming" tool that enables the public to learn relationships and interconnectivity of RMS's , scenarios and RMS benefits	
L. Enhance interdisciplinary collaboration/integration of technical disciplines and analysis [TWS R.A. #3 & Scoping]	1.Guidelines for common analytical assumptions and reporting of benefits 2.Inclusion of traditional and Tribal knowledge 3. Application of Shared Vision Planning 4.Expand energy/water nexus	
M. Add evaluation metrics and sustainability indicators [TWS R.A. #5-7 & Scoping]	1. Apply Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable measures and metrics 2. Include "jobs" and other economic Measures	

Update 2013 Enhancement	Implementation Examples:	Priority #
<p>N. Develop and track CA water management measures of success</p> <p>[TWS R.A. #5-7,19-21, & Scoping]</p>	<p>1. Develop tracking system and annual reporting feature for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of previous updates - Resource management strategy implementation - Status of grant and loan programs - Impact/benefit of state bond investments - Legislation implementation status and effectiveness - (Examples - NGO, professional association and other "report cards" Incorporate "Best Places to Thrive", sustainability and/or other quality of life indicators, data and measurements.) - Role and effects of judicial system in water management decision-making 	
<p>O. Estimate Environmental Water "Needs" (beyond regulatory requirements)</p> <p>[TWS R.A. #25-27 & Scoping]</p>	<p>1. Report on state of the science behind water-dependant ecosystem functions</p> <p>2. Develop analytical tools and data required to estimate ecosystem health and plan for sustainability</p> <p>3. Create and Environmental Planning Work Team</p>	

Update 2013 Enhancement	Implementation Examples:	Priority #
P. Implement a “Living Document” initiative [TWS R.A. #5-7 & Scoping]	1. Water Plan User Satisfaction Surveys 2. Interim studies (e.g. Drought Response Plan) 3. Internet-based social media Twitter, Facebook, Wikipedia, blogs	
Q. Incorporate shorter planning horizon(s) [TWS R.A. #5-7 & Scoping]	1. Platform for addressing drought relief and planning and other activities on a time step shorter than 5 years. 2. Quantify future scenario and response package	
R. Recommend removal of outdated codes/laws [TWS R.A. #19-21, & Scoping]	1. Coordinate a comprehensive review of legislation, laws and regulations 2. Report on recommendations that have achieved and eluded consensus	

UPDATE 2013 PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN DIAGRAM

Water Plan Update 2013 Project Management Plan



** RACI diagrams identify roles for who is Responsible, Accountable, or needs to be Consulted or Informed*

Water Plan Update 2013

Content Schedule and Major Milestones

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
May 2010 Finalize Update 2013 Steering Committee Charter	Spring - Summer 2011 Revise Project Management Plan per new administration	April 2012 Release Draft Assumptions and Estimates Report	January 2013 Publish CA Water Management Progress Report	March 2014 Distribute printed copies of Update 2013
September 2010 Complete Project Management Plan			April 2013 Release Public Draft	
October 2010 Form Update 2013 Advisory Committee			August 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final water portfolios Finalize Resource Management Strategies Complete Regional Reports 	
			October 2013 Administrative Draft for Executive Review	
			December 2013 Release Final CWP Update 2013 on Internet	
Scoping				
	Content Development			
			Refinement	
				Release

REGIONAL FORUMS AND TOPIC CAUCUSES WEBINAR WORKSHOP

Caucus - From the Algonquian Indian language, a caucus means "to meet together."

Group Charge

The Water Plan Forums and Caucuses are comprised of stakeholder representatives associated with each of the respective hydrologic regions and caucus topic areas. These groups are an essential element of the collaboration for Update 2013. The Forums and Caucuses provide for additional public discussions regarding the content of the California Water Plan. Participation by a diverse range of interests on the Forums and Caucuses will provide a comprehensive and collaborative opportunity for dialog.

Membership Activities

Forum/Caucus member responsibilities include:

- Representing diverse perspectives and interests in order to inform a comprehensive approach for regional water planning and management
- Developing and reviewing content for the Update 2013 Regional Reports and Resource Management Strategies
- Participating in a consensus-seeking process to discuss, develop and refine policy proposals and recommendations, as well as other content for Update 2013
- Briefing respective organizations and constituencies regularly on Update 2013 activities
- Supporting the annual all-stakeholder Plenary sessions

Highlights

Regional Forums and Topic-Based Caucuses

- Draft Charters describe key activities
- Venues for dialog on policy proposals and water-related programs
- Quarterly meetings
- Conference call/webinar format for remote participation
- Subcommittees for specific assignments including CWP
- Regional Reports and Resource Management Strategies



Caucus and Forum Approach - Roles

- Caucus and Forum participants provide subject matter expertise to Update 2013.
- Participants are asked to review meeting materials in advance, to support productive and timely input on draft documents.
- Participants serve as liaisons to their respective organizations, providing briefings to leaders and constituents as appropriate, and bringing organizational comments and suggestions back into Update 2013 conversations.

Caucus and Forum Approach – Content Forums and Caucuses relate to all Update 2013 Deliverables

- Strategic Plan – objectives and supporting actions
- Policy Recommendations
- Water Balances and Portfolio
- Coordination with Other Companion Plans
- Future Scenarios
- Technical and Reference Guides



Regional Forums – Special focus on respective

Regional Reports and regional application of Resource Management Strategies

Topic-Based Caucuses – Special focus on respective **Resource Management Strategies** and regional variability

Caucus and Forum Approach – Meetings

- 2 – 4 hour sessions
 - Webinar and conference call, options for remote participation
 - Briefings, updates, and next steps regarding Update 2013 activities and
- Forum/Caucus-related developments, for example:
 - Update 2013 draft documents and proposals
 - New projects coming online in regions
 - New technology or approach regarding a particular strategy
 - Briefings and updates on other related programs, policies and funding
- Information
 - An Annual Plenary session will convene all Update 2013 participants to
- Discuss cross-cutting issues and ideas.

Content deliverables developed through **subcommittees**, with drafts sent to entire Forum/Caucus for review and discussion before moving forward.

Opportunities for **joint subcommittees** on topics associated with several Regional Forums and/or Topic-Based Caucuses

Caucus and Forum Approach – Support

Forum and Caucus meetings are open to all.

Planning Team Members – Each Caucus/Forum will be supported by a dedicated Planning Team that informs the scope of work, key outreach, and future agenda concepts for each Caucus or Forum.

Public AC Liaison – A key member of each Caucus or Forum will be a member of the Public AC, associated with the corresponding topic or regional interest. The Public AC Liaison relates recent Update 2013 activities and brings Caucus/Forum perspectives back into Public AC discussions.

Project Team – Technical support is provided by Work Team Lead members or Regional Office Coordinators, including coordination of work group activities with Update 2013 milestones and deliverables.

Facilitation and Logistics Support will generate meeting summaries and assist with meeting formats and agendas.

Caucus and Forum Approach – Integration

MULTIPLE FEEDBACK PATHS:

- Public AC liaison brings information directly into Public AC meetings
- Project Team members share information with other Work Team Leads and Regional Coordinators
- Regional agency representatives report back to State Agency Steering Committee members or Federal Agency Network
- Caucus and Forum participants share information directly when involved in multiple groups.

Caucus and Forum Approach - Timeline

Through December 2010: Initial Preparation

Planning Team members will work with Project Team and facilitation support to:

- Develop scope of work for each Caucus/Forum
- Create draft charter
- Begin outreach efforts

Early 2011: Meetings Begin

- Convene first meetings/kick-off for Caucus and Forum groups
- Phased approach - roll out of initial meetings will vary



Late 2011: Adaptive Management

- Evaluate Caucus and Forum approach
- Refine, modify, replace approach as needed

DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK

While we review the various forums and potential discussion topics, take a moment to identify the groups and topic caucuses that are the most important to you and answer the two questions in the space is provided. Remember that these are groups and discussions in addition to the Tribal Advisory Committee.

1. Which organizations need to be part of these discussions? Be specific. We know tribal participation is vital, are there specific Tribes or groups that need to be part of this discussion.
2. What topics, trends and information are priority discussions for the group to address in preparation of the Water Plan Update 2013?
3. Which Forums/Topic Caucuses must meet with the Tribal Advisory Committee?

Please fill out these documents as appropriate. We may not have sufficient time to review all of your responses in the time provided.

Please send your additional comments as soon as possible to
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Phone: 916-651-9614 for questions or clarifications.

Forum	What topics, trends, or information need to be part of the conversation?	Which organizations or individuals need to be part of that conversation?
1. North-Central Regional Forums		
2. South-Central Regional Forums		
3. Northern Regional Forums		
4. Southern Regional Forums		
Caucuses		
1. Groundwater Management		
2. Urban Supply and Demand		
3. Resource Stewardship		

4. Integrated Flood Management		
5. Agricultural Supply and Demand		
6. Local Government/Planning		
7. Near Coastal Management		
8. Water Quality and Public Health		
9. Data and Tool		

REFERENCE MATERIALS

PROTECT OUR SACRED WATER

Recommended Actions: California Native American Tribal Water Issues

Origins and Use of this Document

This list of recommendations is the result primarily of conversations at the California Tribal Water Summit, held on November 4 and 5, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. Around 300 people attended the Summit, including leaders, members, and representatives from 66 Tribes, 15 Tribal organizations, 13 State agencies, and 8 Federal agencies. It also includes recommendations made in participant evaluations of the Summit; the eight Regional Tribal Water Plenary meetings held in 2008 and 2009 to prepare for the Summit; and the monthly meetings of the Summit Planning Team.

Tribal perspectives emanate from several elements: cultural, in that water is sacred, belongs to all life, and that to disrupt and destroy the ecosystems dependent upon water is to threaten the survival of Native people; legal, in that Tribes have senior rights guaranteed by Federal acts and upheld by the Winters Doctrine; and practical, in that high-quality water is necessary for domestic and economic use.

This list of recommendations was shared with the California Water Plan Update 2009 State Agency Steering Committee at their February 3, 2010, meeting, and will also be available on the main Summit website:

<http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/tribal2/tws>

Note: The items in each section are not prioritized. Parentheses indicate entities that share responsibility and/or also have jurisdiction for a recommended action.

For the purposes of this list of Recommended Actions, the term "California Native American Tribe" signifies all Indigenous Communities of California, including those that are federally non-recognized and federally recognized, and those with allotment lands, regardless of whether they own those lands. Additionally, because some water bodies and Tribal boundaries cross State borders, this document includes Indigenous Communities in Oregon, Nevada, and Arizona that are impacted by water in California. Also, the State of California Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Supplement to General Plan Guidelines, uses the term, "California Native American tribe," and defines this term as "a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission" (NAHC).

Water Plan Content Development

1. DWR should include public domain allotment lands in planning.
2. DWR should work with Tribes to create maps that reflect Tribal lands, hydrologic regions, and recharge areas for potable water, while respecting culturally sensitive information.
3. DWR should include Tribal boundaries and information on Geographic Information System layers used in water planning.
4. DWR should integrate Bulletin 118 on Groundwater with the Water Plan. **[DONE]**
5. DWR should establish long-term plans for managing groundwater. **[DONE]**
6. DWR should establish long-term plans for managing flood water and storm water.
7. DWR should emphasize the importance of long-term sustainability for water resources.
8. DWR should develop a new California Water Plan chapter or a separate bulletin describing status of tribal water rights and water issues for each tribe.
9. DWR Water District Bulletin. This document would include maps showing the tribal lands for each tribe, size of the tribe, nature of asserted water right, nature of proposed or actual use, etc.

California Water Plan Tribal Communication Plan and Network

10. DWR should lead interagency Tribal communication network.
11. DWR should develop a resource guide for water issues and water-related emergencies.
12. DWR together with California Native American Tribes should renew efforts to get gaming Tribes involved in water planning. See 2008 DWR Tribal Communication Plan.

Tribal Design for the California Water Plan Update 2013

13. DWR should increase Tribal representation on the California Water Plan Advisory Committee or establish a dedicated Tribal Government Advisory Committee for the Water Plan.

14. DWR and a Tribal advisory body should discuss the potential for a future Summit.

Department of Water Resources (not Water Plan)

15. DWR should prepare a work plan for Tribal issues.
16. DWR should support the integration of Tribes in Integrated Regional Water Management Plan planning processes. (Local Governments, Tribal Governments)
17. DWR should designate an executive coordinator of Tribal issues. (Steering Committee Agencies)
18. DWR should support amending the IRWMP and/or related State bond guidelines and/or requirements to (1) allow Tribes to propose projects and receive support (technical help, training, funding, etc.) directly as part of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans; (2) to emphasize the importance of partnerships. (Other Agencies)
19. DWR should increase support (technical help, training, funding, etc.) to Tribes for groundwater assessment and planning.
20. DWR should increase support (technical help, training, funding, etc.) to Tribes for genuine participation in local planning.
21. DWR Division of Flood Management should provide support (technical help, training, funding, etc.) for Tribes to develop and strengthen their emergency preparedness plans as related to water resources (e.g., flooding, mudslide, and dam safety threats, potable water supply disruptions, fire-fighting water needs). (Cal EMA)
22. DWR should work with Tribes to improve mapping of watershed resources – including Tribal lands and floodplains – while respecting culturally sensitive information.
23. DWR should create Director's Tribal Water Advisory Committee similar to those established for the California Departments of Transportation and of Corrections.
24. DWR should provide support (technical help, training, funding, etc.) for Tribes to prepare their own water management plans. (Tribal Governments)
25. DWR should prioritize the restoration and protection of salmon and other migratory fish habitats, and thereby protect the quality of life and rights of Tribes. (Department of Fish and Game)
26. DWR should devote greater resources to protecting water resources through watershed planning. (Department of Conservation)

27. DWR should clean up the toxic mining sediments associated with major dams. (Department of Conservation, Water Boards)
28. DWR should work with Tribes to obtain federal funding for public water facilities. (Department of Public Health)

Other Agencies, the Governor's Office, and the State Legislature

In their discussions, the Planning Team emphasized the need for agencies to coordinate their efforts in order to leverage parallel activities, establish consistency, and avoid duplication.

29. **Federal Agencies and All State Agency Steering Committee Agencies** should appoint specific senior individuals to represent Tribal interests and defend Tribal rights according to the trust responsibilities set out in United States treaties, doctrines, policies, the Constitution, Spanish land grants, and other relevant documents.
30. **U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs** should provide support (technical help, training, funding, etc.) to Tribes for water planning, water facilities, and associated advocacy.
31. **All State Agency Steering Committee Agencies** should support adding Tribes as potential grant and loan recipients through legislation. (State Legislature, Tribal Governments)
32. **All State Agency Steering Committee Agencies** should provide training and increase the financial capacity for Tribes to identify their water rights.
33. **California Emergency Management Agency** should provide support (technical help, training, funding, etc.) for Tribes to develop and strengthen their emergency preparedness plans as related to water resources (e.g., flooding, mudslide, and dam safety threats, potable water supply disruptions, fire-fighting water needs). (Department of Water Resources)
34. **California Department of Conservation** should devote greater resources to protecting water resources through watershed planning. (Department of Water Resources)
35. **California Department of Conservation** should clean up the toxic mining sediments associated with major dams. (Department of Water Resources, Water Boards)
36. **California Department of Fish and Game** should make the restoration and protection of salmon and other migratory fish habitats a priority, and thereby protect the quality of life and rights of Tribes. (Department of Water Resources)

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37. **California Department of Public Health** should work with Tribes to obtain state and federal funding for public water facilities. (Department of Public Health)
38. **California Department of Transportation** should increase both federally and non-federally recognized Tribal involvement in the Department's Environmental Justice Plan.
39. **Federal Emergency Management Agency** should improve mapping of watershed resources – including Tribal lands and floodplains – while respecting culturally sensitive information.
40. **Local Governments** should support the integration of Tribes in Integrated Regional Water Management Plan planning processes. (Department of Water Resources, Tribal Governments)
41. **Water Boards** should improve Tribal involvement in Water Boards processes for any decisions directly affecting Tribal resources, including developing water flow criteria and flow standards for rivers and streams in their areas.
42. **Water Boards** should improve communication with Tribes and increase Tribal representation during the amendment of Water Quality Control Plans and regional Basin Plans.
43. **Water Boards** should provide information and training opportunities for Tribes to learn how to use Water Right Information access tools such as the electronic Water Rights Information Management System, in order to help Tribes better track legal and illegal diversions and support enforcement.
44. **Water Boards** – insofar as the Water Boards control these – should hasten the turnaround time for water quality testing results, and follow up on the results.
45. **Water Boards** should clean up the toxic mining sediments associated with major dams. (Department of Water Resources, Department of Conservation)
46. **Governor's Office** should reconcile State and Federal consultation policies.
47. **Governor's Office** should appoint Tribal representatives to Regional Water Boards and the State Water Resources Control Board. (Tribal Governments)
48. **Governor's Office** should elevate the status of existing State agency Tribal liaisons and convene quarterly meetings to discuss and prioritize key Tribal water-related issues for the Administration.
49. **Governor's Office** together with **California Native American Tribes** should establish a State Office of Native American Affairs. (Tribal Governments)
50. **Governor's Office of Planning & Research** should require County General Plans to have a water element that considers existing and future Tribal water rights and needs, and thus requires proposed development to anticipate and plan accordingly.
51. **Governor's Office and State Legislature** should appoint a Tribal member to California Water Commission and/or Delta Conservancy.
52. **State Legislature** should add Tribes as potential grant and loan recipients through legislation. (State Agency Steering Committee Agencies, Tribal Governments)
53. **State Legislature** should amend the IRWMP and/or related State bond requirements and/or guidelines (1) to allow Tribes to propose projects and receive funding directly as part of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans; and (2) to emphasize the importance of partnerships. (Department of Water Resources)
54. **State Legislature** should amend the Water Boards' 319H/State Revolving Fund eligibility requirements to allow for non-Federally recognized Tribes to apply for the non-point source pollution reduction grant money (suggestion was to reference SB 18).
55. **State Legislature** should amend the Water Code to give priority to the senior water rights of Tribes.
56. **State Legislature** should regulate groundwater use throughout California.

Tribal Governments

57. Governor's Office, together with California Native American Tribes, should establish a State Office of Native American Affairs. (Tribal Governments)
58. California Native American Tribes should endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and then lobby and force the State and Federal government to do the same.
59. California Native American Tribes should create watershed management plans to accurately document their needs, then work to integrate these with State plans.
60. California Native American Tribes together with DWR should renew efforts to get gaming Tribes involved in water planning. See *2008 DWR Tribal Communication Plan*.
61. California Native American Tribes should lobby the Governor's Office to appoint Tribal representatives to Regional Water Boards and the State Water Resources Control Board. (Governor's Office)
62. California Native American Tribes should lobby for the integration of Tribes in Integrated Regional Water

Management Plan planning processes. (Department of Water Resources, Local Governments)

63. California Native American Tribes should prepare their own water management plans. (Department of Water Resources)
64. California Native American Tribes should lobby for adding Tribes as potential grant and loan recipients through legislation. (State Agency Steering Committee Agencies, State Legislature)
65. California Native American Tribes should continue to work with not just federal agencies, but also State agencies and local government.
66. California Native American Tribes should seek alliances with environmental, sportsmen, conservancy, and economic groups that share common interests.

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67. The endorsement of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
68. The establishment of a parallel Tribal Integrated Regional Water Management Plan process.
69. Require power companies to consult with Tribes regarding the environmental impacts of their rural power-generation and power-transmission activities.
70. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power should mitigate the environmental impacts of diverting Owens Valley River water to Los Angeles.

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